

# ZERO BEAT

THE HAMDEN COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION

OUR 53rd YEAR

FEBRUARY, 1998

## HAM GOODIES SPOTLIGHT THE FEBRUARY MEETING - HRO COMES TO VISIT!

This month's meeting is almost as good as Christmas! Chuck, KM4NZ, the manager of Ham Radio Outlet (HRO) in Salem, New Hampshire will join us. Chuck will give us a review of some of the new ham products out and what is new on the horizon. If you have any product questions, don't miss this meeting!

## TECH CORNER RETURNS!!

Due to popular demand, we are re-instituting Tech Corner, a 15 to 20 minute demonstration/discussion session on various topics in Amateur Radio.

This month's Tech Corner brings back the "plumber's delight", a cheap, easy to build HF antenna that works!

If you are a new ham, or just a ham that would like to see an easy way to get on the air without spending a lot, come early this month.

Tech Corner will start at approximately 7:10 p.m. just before the regular meeting gets under way. See you there!

## A Welcome to the Visitors at the January Meeting

All of us at the Hampden County Radio Association want to thank all those who visited us at the January meeting. Having been around for over 50 years, the H.C.R.A. has been an informational source for the ham community and the general public as well. We encourage you to continue to come to meetings, and we hope we can help you join the ranks of the Amateur Radio community. Further in the newsletter are names and numbers of people you can call for general or technical information regarding the Club, or our hobby.

## DON'T FORGET THE NET!

The H.C.R.A. invites all Amateurs and those interested in becoming hams to tune into our weekly nets -

Monday night, 7:30 p.m. on 10 meters, 28.375 +/- QRM;

and Tuesday nights, 7:30 p.m. on 2 meters, 147.105 MHz, +600kHz.

*Stop in and let us know what you have to say!*

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Those of you that attended the January HCRA meeting were sure to have the feeling the Club is well on its way to again having a significant presence in the Amateur Radio community.

I would like to welcome all of the new members that have recently joined our Club as well as those potential hams that attended the club meeting for the first time.

We hope that all of you enjoyed the evening and will continue to support the club with all your continued attendance and involvement in club activities.

To all of you potential hams that attended the meeting for the first time, we invite you to continue to attend our meetings and partake in our "ELMER PROGRAM", and any future classes that become available to help you along the road to becoming a ham. Those of you that left us your name and address will continue to receive "ZERO BEAT" for the next few months. GOOD LUCK!

Some of you that already have your ticket may be getting this newsletter for the first time, or the first time in a long while. HCRA would like to invite you to our club meetings to see what we are all about now and possibly become a member or renew your membership, whichever the case may be.

Please do not forget to check into the Club two meter net every Tuesday evening, 7:30 p.m. on the 147.105 repeater, up 600 kHz, It has been very informative and gives us a chance to say hello and exchange idwas. Stop by and let us know what you have to say.

Our February 6th meeting will be well worth attending. We have a guest speaker I know everyone will enjoy. We will continue with our monthly raffle with amateur radio related prizes., refreshments and lots of fellowship.

We will be reintroducing the TECH CORNER before the start of each club meeting. TECH CORNER time will be approximately 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.. There will be a demo followed by Q&A.

Thank you again for your continued support of the club;. Looking forward to seeing you and saying "hello" at the meeting.

73 de IRV, W6IS

## HCRA OFFICERS

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## HCRA CALENDAR

### EVENTS

FEBRUARY 6	CLUB MEETING
FEBRUARY 12	BOARD MEETING
MARCH 1	MT. TOM FLEA MKT
MARCH 6	CLUB MEETING
MARCH 12	BOARD MEETING

## ASK THE ELMERS !

We are going to make it easier to ask the HCRA Elmers for answers to your questions. At the meeting we will have a box to drop off your questions. We will publish them in Zero Beat with answers. Anyone who would like to send in questions (or answers!) will be welcome to do so.

Below, you will find a list of our Elmers. If you have a question that can't wait, give them a call (not too early or late, please!). If you would be interested in helping someone as an Elmer, let us know at the meeting. See Irv or Barry.

## HCRA ELMERS

BOB ARCHAMBAULT, KA1JDY (413)  
536-4578

AL DRAKE, N1CQT (413) 783-8427

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### RADIALS

You may have noticed the changing formats of Zero Beat. Part of this is purposeful, and part of this isn't! Please bear with us, and feel free to send suggestions on what you want.

## In The Spotlight

We want to know who our members are. In the past two issues we have Spotlighted our President and Vice-President. Hey, all well and fine, but tell us about YOU! How long have you been a ham? Are you studying now for your first exam? Have you recently upgraded? What are YOUR interests in ham radio? What other interests do you have? The ham community is a diverse one, and we love to hear what our fellow (and lady) hams are all about and what they are doing. Let us know. Drop Barry a (brief!) description, and we will publish it in the next issue. Either give it to him at the meeting, or mail it to the Swap & Shop address, ATTN: Spotlight.

### RADIALS

JOIN THE HCRA CLUB NETS  
ON 10 AND 2 METERS EVERY  
WEEK!!

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THE MT. TOM ARA IS HAVING  
THEIR FLEA MARKET MARCH 1st  
AT THE WESTFIELD MIDDLE  
SCHOOL, ROUTE 10, WESTFIELD, MA.  
DOORS OPEN AT 9:00 A.M.  
LISTEN TO 146.94 FOR DETAILS!

### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP THE HAMPDEN COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION

REGULAR AND FAMILY MEMBERSHIP IS \$10.00 / YEAR

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CALL (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

NEW MEMBER? YES / NO

RENEWAL? YES / NO

ARRL MEMBER? YES / NO

VE? YES / NO

# **SWAP & SHOP**

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For further information, contact the listed parties.

## **FOR SALE**

ICOM IC -736, HF + 6 meter base transceiver. 100 watts on all bands, variable down to 5 watts. Dual VFO's, built-in power supply, tone board,

AM-FM-LSB-USB-CW, antenna tuner (works on HF and 6 meters), notch, passband tuning, 100+ memories, pre-amp, more. Excellent shape. \$1400.00  
Azden AZ-61, 6 meter handheld. Good battery, original antenna, 38 memories, 5

watts high power/ 1/2 watt low power, tone encode and decode, charger, stand.

This radio is ruggedly built to commercial specs and in excellent shape. First

\$250.00

{Contact Mark Casey, K1MAP (413) 566-2445

## **FOR SALE**

ARRL operating manual, 2 Vibroplex keys, 1 keyer, 1 MFJ dummy load w/oil, 1  
B+W automatic antenna relay, 1 power modulation SWR tester.

Contact Pat Lamagna, (413) 782-0452

## **PLACE YOUR AD HERE!**

**MAIL A LIST OF YOUR ITEMS FOR SALE OR "WANTS" TO:**

**ZERO BEAT c/o**

**32 Kenwood Terrace**

**Springfield, MA. 01108**

**ATTN: SWAP & SHOP**

**The next meeting of the  
Hampden County Radio Association  
will be on Friday, February 9, 1998  
at 7:30 p.m. at the Feeding Hills  
Congregational Church.**

**Doors open at 7:00 p.m., Tech Corner starts  
at 7:10.**

**Our Guest Speaker is Chuck, KM4NZ from  
HRO.**

**SEE YOU THERE!**

In case of inclement weather, listen to Channel 40 or 22, and the 146.940 and 147.105 repeaters.  
Meeting cancellation information will be given out by 6:00 p.m.

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